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## **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LEE CELEBRATES WORLD AIDS DAY – DECEMBER 1, 2017**



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On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Florida Department of Health in Lee County, in partnership with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, McGregor Clinic, Lee County Department of Human and Veteran Services, and Walgreens, will be hosting a Candlelight Vigil and Commemoration in observance of World AIDS Day 2017 with its local theme "Re-Think HIV, Play Your Part, Take A Stand." Free HIV testing and other health screenings will be provided to all. The event will feature educational materials and various community health resources. Family entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

**WHEN:** Friday, December 1, 2017 from  
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** PATIO DE LEON  
Downtown Fort Myers

World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1<sup>st</sup> each year around the world. The 2017 national theme is "Increasing Impact Through Transparency, Accountability, and Partnerships." World AIDS Day provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV and to address HIV/AIDS disparities, HIV related stigmas and blame, while sparking dialogue towards stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS among all populations. The observance of World AIDS Day has become one of the most recognized health awareness days worldwide. It provides a key opportunity to raise awareness, commemorate those who have passed on, and celebrate victories such as increased access to treatment and prevention services. Started in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

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